



# Psychiatric Technicians

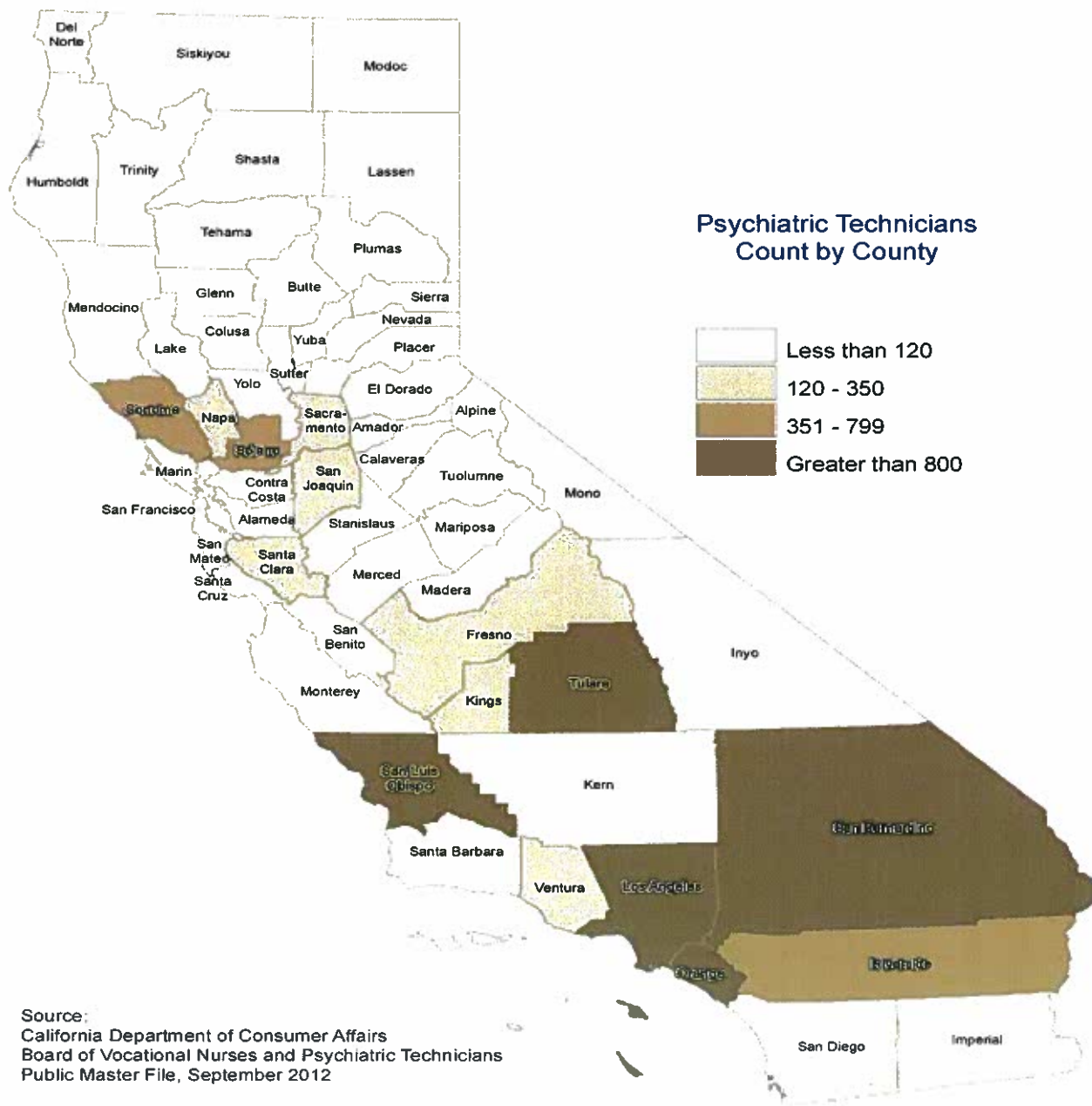
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Psychiatric Technicians are licensed by the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Psychiatric Technicians are entry-level practitioners who provide care for mentally disordered or developmentally disabled clients under the director of services. Duties within the scope of practice for a Psychiatric Technician typically include

basic hygiene and nursing care, measurement of vital signs, performance of prescribed medical treatments, administration of prescribed medications, implementation of behavioral management techniques, crisis intervention, sensory and perceptual assessment, social and vocational training, and the facilitation of individual and group therapeutic activities. As of September 2012, there were 9,855 Psychiatric Technicians with active licenses in California.\*

## Current Supply of Psychiatric Technicians by County of Record



Source:  
California Department of Consumer Affairs  
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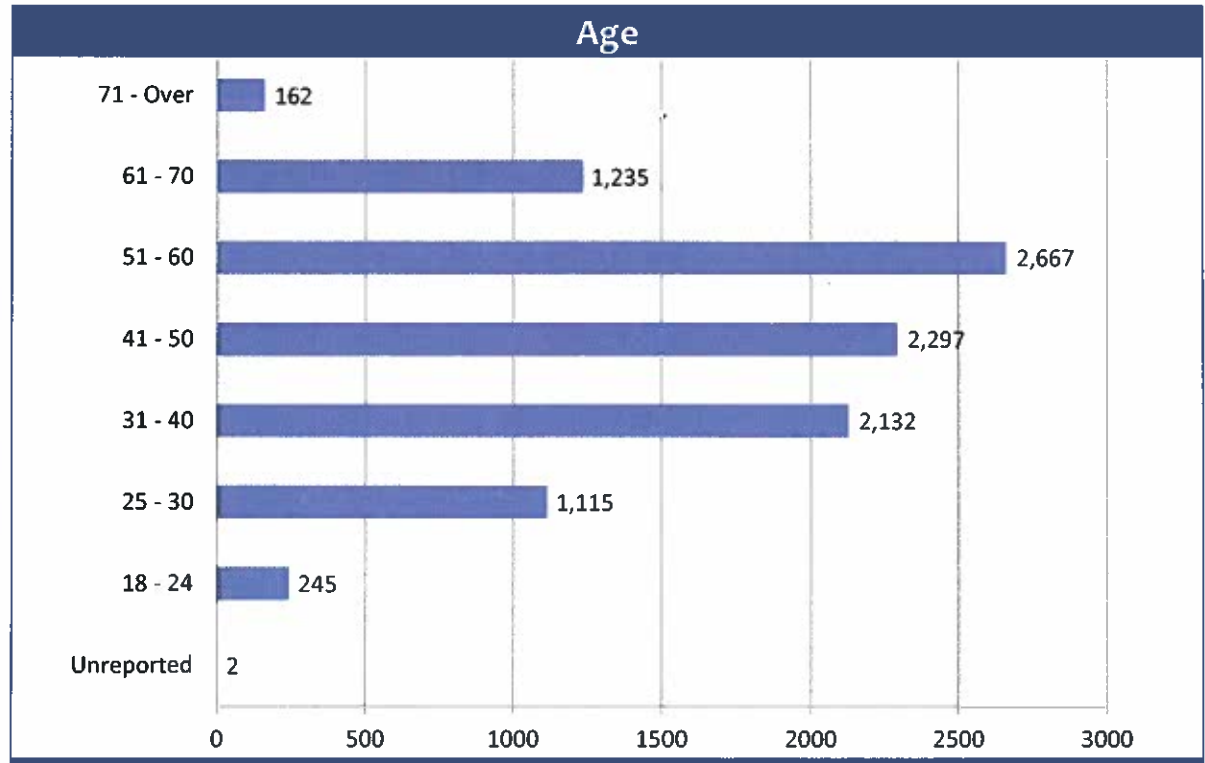
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County	Number of Providers	County	Number of Providers	County	Number of Providers
Alameda	99	Marin	10	San Mateo	28
Alpine	0	Mariposa	N/A	Santa Barbara	53
Amador	6	Mendocino	13	Santa Clara	230
Butte	25	Merced	8	Santa Cruz	20
Calaveras	11	Modoc	N/A	Shasta	9
Colusa	N/A	Mono	N/A	Sierra	0
Contra Costa	57	Monterey	54	Siskiyou	N/A
Del Norte	30	Napa	252	Solano	579
El Dorado	18	Nevada	12	Sonoma	513
Fresno	347	Orange	809	Stanislaus	39
Glenn	0	Placer	31	Sutter	48
Humboldt	11	Plumas	0	Tehama	N/A
Imperial	20	Riverside	447	Trinity	N/A
Inyo	N/A	Sacramento	176	Tulare	982
Kern	79	San Benito	N/A	Tuolumne	10
Kings	276	San Bernardino	1,696	Ventura	166
Lake	26	San Diego	117	Yolo	17
Lassen	15	San Francisco	34	Yuba	29
Los Angeles	1,009	San Joaquin	275		
Madera	23	San Luis Obispo	1,130	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,855</b>

Counties reporting under five Psychiatric Technicians are categorized as N/A (not available) for confidentiality purposes. The counties that display not available account for 16 licensed Psychiatric Technicians.\*\*

## Age

The active Psychiatric Technicians licensed in California by age group can be seen in the table and chart below.\*\*



Age	18 - 24	25 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	71 - Over	Unreported	Total Responses
<b>Total Responses</b>	245	1,115	2,132	2,297	2,667	1,235	162	2	9,855
<b>% of Total Providers</b>	2%	11%	22%	23%	27%	13%	2%	<1%	100%

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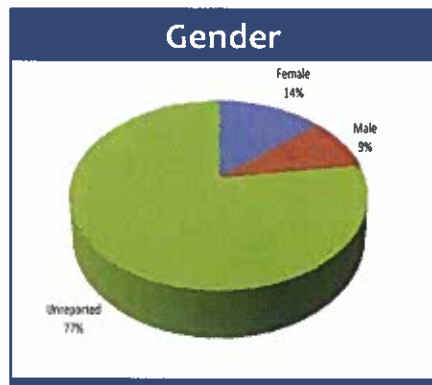
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## Gender

The gender distribution for currently licensed Psychiatric Technicians can be seen in the table and chart below.\*\*



Gender	Total Responses	% of Total Providers
Female	1,353	14%
Male	885	9%
Unreported	7,617	77%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>9,855</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Race/Ethnicity

The Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians does not currently collect information on the race/ethnicity of Psychiatric Technician licensees.

## Languages Spoken

The Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians does not currently collect information on the languages spoken by Psychiatric Technician licensees.



The following data are based on the Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division Statewide 2008-2018 Occupational Employment Projections.\*\*\*

As displayed in the "Average Annual Job Openings" table below, the average annual job openings is an estimate of jobs created, resulting from economic growth and jobs created when workers retire or permanently leave an occupation and need to be replaced.

As displayed in the "2010 – 1st Quarter Wages" table below, the 2010 first quarter wages are the most recent wage estimates available for the 2008-2018 statewide projections.

Average Annual Job Openings	
New Jobs	80
Replacement Needs	220
Total	300
2010 – 1st Quarter Wages	
Median Hourly	\$25.75
Median Annual	\$53,554

Top Industries Which Employ This Occupation
1. Other Hospitals
2. Psychiatric & Substance Abuse Hospitals
3. State Government
4. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
5. Colleges and Universities

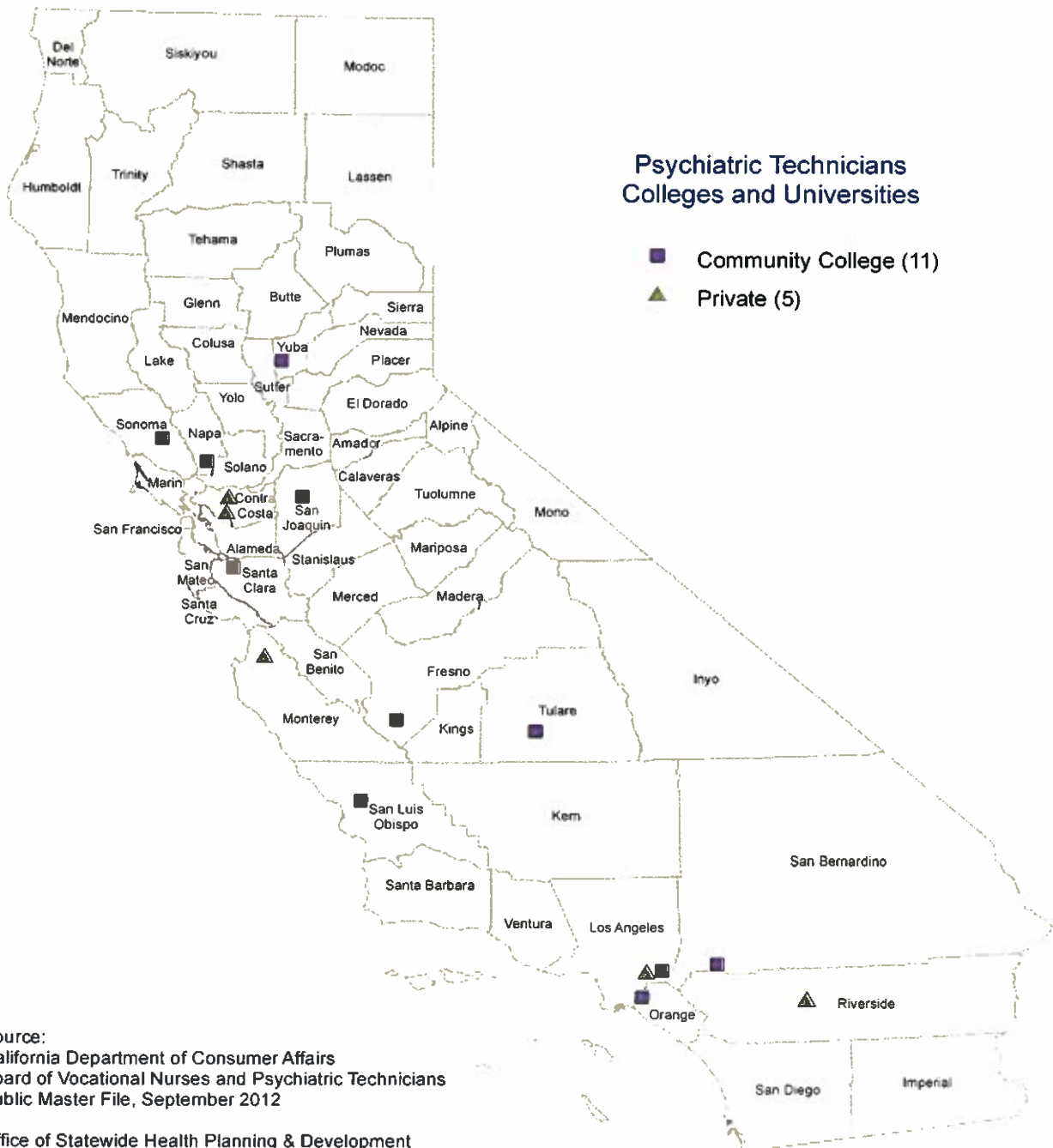


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The map below identifies 2012 Psychiatric Technician education programs in California including Community Colleges and Private Colleges.\*\*

## 2012 Psychiatric Technicians Education Programs in California



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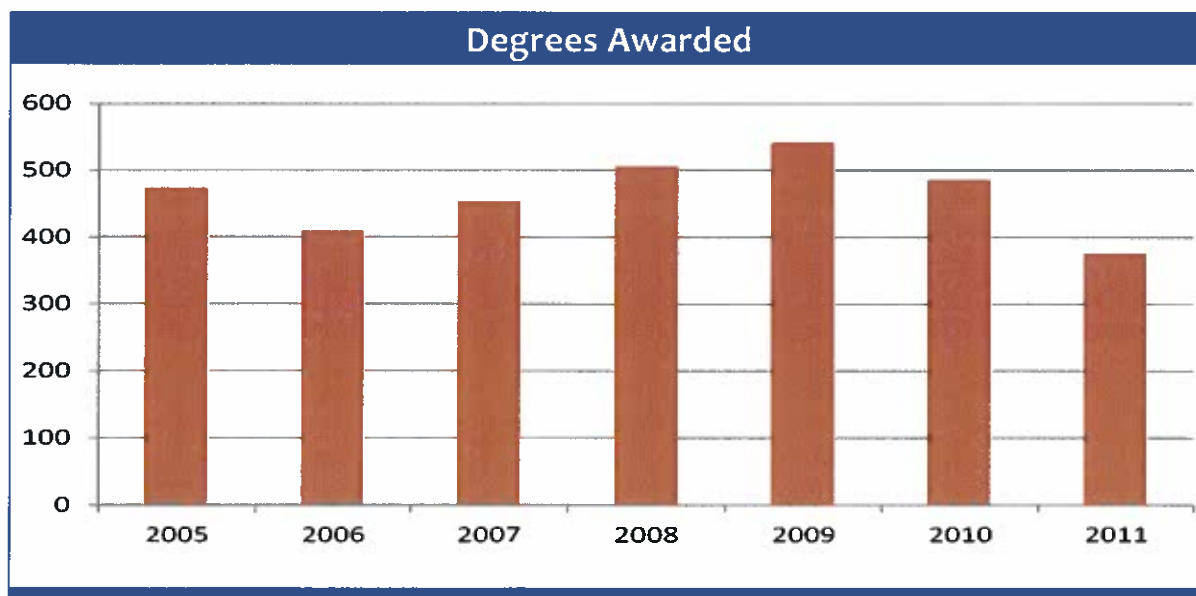


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The table below shows the approved programs that offer Psychiatric Technician training in California.\*\* The same information can be seen geographically in the map on page 4.

Psychiatric Technicians Education Programs in California		
<b>Community Colleges</b>		
Atascadero State Hospital/Cuesta College	Napa Valley College - Fast Track/ Generic	Santa Rosa Junior College
Cypress College	Porterville College	West Hills College
Mission College	San Bernardino Valley College	Yuba College
Mt. San Antonio College	San Joaquin Delta College	
<b>Private</b>		
American College of Nursing	California Nurses Educational Institute	Central Coast College
Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts - Concord	Hacienda La Puente Adult Education - Willow Campus	

The chart and table below shows the number of Psychiatric Technicians known to have received degrees from California programs in years 2005-2011.\*\*



Year Graduated	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Degrees Awarded	473	409	453	507	542	486	376